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To: Optometrists
Opticians
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Subject: Vision Care: Billing for Vision Aids for Clients 21 years of Age and Older

Effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2011, the Department of Social and Health Services (the Department) has excluded Vision Hardware. This includes eyeglasses (frames and lenses), contact lenses, and low vision aids (e.g., magnifiers and telescopic eyeglass lenses), and repairs from all the benefit packages for clients 21 years of age and older.

What Is Changing?

Effective for Dates of Service on or after January 1, 2011, the Department will no longer pay for Vision Hardware for clients 21 years of age and older. This includes eyeglasses (frames and lenses), contact lenses, and low vision aids (e.g., magnifiers and telescopic eyeglass lenses) and repairs.

Note: Excluded services are not subject to Exception to Rule (ETR)

The Department will process claims for eyeglasses (frames and lenses), contact lenses, and low vision aids (e.g., magnifiers and telescopic eyeglass lenses) for clients 21 years of age and older when ordered prior to January 1, 2011 and:

- The claim meets program criteria; and
- The provider submits the following required information:
 - ✓ Vision Aid or replacement parts order date is recorded in the comments field of the CMS-1500 claim form; and
 - ✓ Backup documentation is included showing the order date.

Note: Failure to submit the required information may result in claim denial.

For more information on submitting claims and backup documentation to the Department, refer to the Department/MPA [ProviderOne Billing and Resource Guide](#).

For eyeglasses (frames and lenses), contact lenses, and low vision aids (e.g., magnifiers and telescopic eyeglass lenses) for clients 21 years of age and older prior authorized before January 1, 2011 see # memo [10-73](#).

How Can I Get the Department/MPA Provider Documents?

To download and print the Department/MPA provider numbered memos and billing instructions, go to the Department/MPA website at: <http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov> (click the ***Billing Instructions and Numbered Memorandum*** link).